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Council/PH Committee Council
Agenda Item Bill 70
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Do you wish to speak at the hearing? Yes

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Testimony

I strongly support Bill 70, which would prohibit smoking and vaping in a motor vehicle when a minor is present on O'ahu.

As someone that volunteers with our youth on a regular basis smelling the third hand smoke coming off of kids clothes knowing that they have no say in the exposure levels they are exposed to is troubling. If an adult wants to smoke in their vehicle that's one thing but subjecting an infant or even a minor to this should not be accepted. The potential health risks to our youth should override the adults perceived right to smoke.

Secondhand smoke in a car can be up to ten times more toxic than what the EPA considers unhealthy air quality, even when a window is down. Inhaling secondhand smoke is especially harmful because children's lungs are still developing. Passing smoke-free cars into law will help decrease our children's exposure to secondhand smoke and educate parents and other adults about the dangers of smoking in a car when a minor is present.

I respectfully ask that you pass Bill 70 to help make Honolulu the third county in Hawai'i (joining the Big Island and Kaua'i) to eliminate smoking in cars when a minor is present.

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